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ITEM NO: WH-10 DATE: JUNE 21, 1974

SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT CHANGES

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IN GOVERNMENT CHANGES ANNOUNCED TODAY, THE KADAR REGIME REPLACED THE HEAD OF THE HUNGARIAN SECRET POLICE {AVH}. THIS IS THE FOURTH TOP JOB IN THE SENSITIVE SECURITY APPARATUS TO CHANGE HANDS OVER THE LAST SIX MONTHS. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT DEFICIENCIES HAVE CAUSED THIS TURNOVER, BUT IT COULD BE A TIGHTENING IN RESPONSE TO THE IDEOLOGICAL INROADS OF DETENTE.

MOST OF THE OTHER CHANGES IMPLEMENT A CONCURRENT DECISION TO SPLIT THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION INTO TWO NEW MINISTRIES {EDUCATION AND CULTURE}. WHILE THE MOVES THUS FAR ANNOUNCED DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANY INHERENT POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE, THEY OPEN THE DOOR FOR FURTHER RESHUFFLING AT THE WORKING LEVELS AND A POSSIBLE WEEDING OUT OF LIBERALS IN THE CULTURAL FIELD.

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SUCH A PURGE WOULD BE IN LINE WITH EARLIER SIGNS OF A CULTURAL TIGHTENING IN HUNGARY. IN MARCH, THE REGIME REPLACED GYORGY ACZEL, THE PARTY SECRETARY WHO HAD SUPERVISED CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR MANY YEARS. ACZEL, WHO IS CONSIDERED CLOSE TO PARTY LEADER KADAR, HAD COME TO BE THE MOST OUTSPOKEN PROONENT OF HUNGARY'S FLEXIBLE CULTURAL POLICIES. E-2, IMPDET:H

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